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For : EXTERIOR MIRROR PLANO-AUXILIARY
REFLECTIVE ELEMENT ASSEMBLY

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 of U.S. Pat. application Ser. No. 09/745,172, filed on Dec. 20, 2000, by Niall R. Lynam, John O. Lindahl, and Hahns Yoachim Fuchs, entitled EXTERIOR MIRROR PLANO-AUXILIARY REFLECTIVE ELEMENT ASSEMBLY, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,717,712, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Pat. application Ser. No. 09/478,315, filed January 6, 2000, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,522,451.

1. Copy of Prior Application as Filed Which is Attached

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed (37 CFR 1.53). No amendments referred to in any Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter in that application.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed which is attached includes 31 pages of specification, 9 pages of claims (59 claims), 1 page of Abstract, 13 sheets of drawings, and signed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

2. Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed including new Claims 60-117, which have been numbered consecutively beginning with the number next succeeding the last claim in the parent application.

3. Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form

A copy of the Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

4. Filing Fee and Calculation

Basic Fee	\$770.00
Additional Fees	
Each independent claim in excess of three, times \$86.	\$.00
Number of claims in excess of twenty, times \$18.00	\$684.00
Filing multiple dependent claims per application \$280.00	\$.00
Total Filing Fee	<u>\$1,454.00</u>

A check in the amount of \$1,454.00 for the filing fee is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0190.

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- a) Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims for which full payment has not been tendered.
- b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 for which full payment has not been tendered.

5. Drawings

Thirteen (13) sheets of drawings are enclosed and are copies of those filed in the parent application.

6. Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/745,172 be considered in the present application. A disclosure statement is enclosed along with copies of forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

7. Inventorship Statement

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventors in this application are the same, namely, Niall R. Lynam, John O. Lindahl, and Hahns yoachim Fuchs.

8. Assignment

The prior application is assigned to Donnelly Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, located and doing business at 414 East Fortieth Street, Holland, Michigan 49423. That Assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 12, 2002, at Reel 012577, Frame 0113.

9. Power of Attorney

The original Power of Attorney in the parent application Serial No. 09/745,172 is to Van Dyke, Gardner, Linn & Burkhart, LLP and the individual attorneys and agents at said address, consisting of Daniel Van Dyke, Reg. No. 25 046; Donald S. Gardner, Reg. No. 25 975; Terence J. Linn, Reg. No. 30 283; Frederick S. Burkhart, Reg. No. 29 288; Catherine S. Collins, Reg. No. 37 599; Matthew L. Goska, Reg. No. 42 594; Anthony A. Bisulca, Reg. No. 40 913; and Timothy A. Flory, Reg. No. 42 540.

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10. Verification

I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

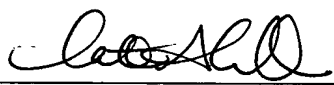
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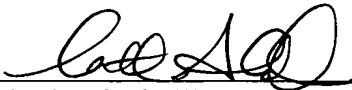
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